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SUBJ: HERZOG CLAIM OF CUBAN TROOPS IN SYRIA

1. DATT INQUIRED DEC 19 INTO ACCURACY OF ALLEGED CLAIM BY ISRAELI UN AMBASSADOR HERZOG AT PRESS CONFERENCE PRECEDING DAY THAT CUBAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN SERVING WITH SYRIAN ARMY ON GOLAN HEIGHTS. SENIOR IDF OFFICER SAID THAT CUBAN TROOPS PREVIOUSLY STATIONED IN SYRIA WERE KNOWN TO HAVE DEPARTED AFTER OCTOBER 1973 WAR. OFFICER EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT ALLEGATION BY HERZOG.

2. IDF INTEL DEPT SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD DATT THAT HERZOG HAD BEEN QUERIED ABOUT PRESS REPORTS AND ASSERTED THAT HE HAD REFERRED ONLY TO PREVIOUS PRESENCE OF CUBAN TROOPS IN SYRIA.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HOLDINGS SHOW THAT CUBAN TROOPS STATIONED ON GOLAN HEIGHTS AFTER 1973 WAR WERE SUBSEQUENTLY WITHDRAWN.
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